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CONSISTENT QUALITY
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Rejection dated July 19, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please substitute for original claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

1. (Twice Amended) A method of supplying starter cultures of consistent quality, the method comprising the steps of:

(i) providing a stock inoculum material comprising a concentrate of starter culture organism cells,